

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005. Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 20-36 are withdrawn. Claims 1-6, 13, 14 and 16-19 were rejected. Claims 7-12 and 15 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but having allowable subject matter.

In this amendment, claims 7 and 15 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 4 and 14 were cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 16-18 have been amended to change their dependency to depend from either claim 7 or 15.

Election/Restriction Requirements:

In response to the restriction/election requirement of November 14, 2005, the Applicant confirms the telephone election of Group 1A, claims 1-19.

Allowable Subject Matter

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-12 and 15 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim 7 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claim 4 from which it depended. Accordingly, claim 7 is now allowable for at least this reason. Claims 8-12 being dependent therefrom are therefore also allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 15 has been amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 14 from which it depended. Accordingly, claim 15 is now allowable for at least this reason.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 13-14, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Fernald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,931).

Claims 1, 4 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 7. As claim 7 is allowable as discussed above, claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 13 are therefore allowable for at least this reason.

Claims 16-18 have been amended to depend from claim 15. As claim 15 is allowable as discussed above, claims 16-18 are therefore allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 19, being dependent from claim 18, is also allowable for at least the above reasons.

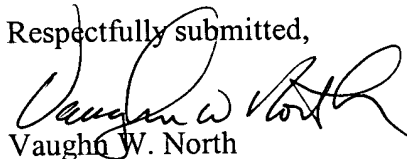
CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 5-13 and 15-19 are now in condition for allowance. All other claims being cancelled or withdrawn, application is in condition for allowance and asked that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Vaughn North at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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